

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Flexibility for Delivery)	IB Docket No. 01-185
Of Communications by)	
Mobile Satellite Service Providers)	
In the 2 GHz Band, the L-Band, and the)	
1.6/2.4 GHz Band)	
)	
Amendment of Section 2.106 of the Commission's)	ET Docket No. 95-18
Rules to Allocate Spectrum at 2 GHz for Use)	
By the Mobile-Satellite Service)	

COMMENTS OF AT&T WIRELESS SERVICES, INC.

AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. ("AWS") hereby submits its initial response to the *Public Notice* issued on March 6, 2002 in the above-captioned proceeding.^{1/} In accordance with Commission's request for a technical analysis of the questions raised regarding the feasibility and effects of "severing" MSS and terrestrial operations in the MSS bands, AWS has engaged an independent, third-party technical consultant to conduct an analysis of those issues. Due to the complex nature of the inquiry, however, AWS will not be able to submit its analysis within the extremely short time frame established by the *Public Notice*. AWS intends to submit its comments within the next week, however, and respectfully requests that the Commission consider this information.

^{1/} Public Notice, *Commission Staff Invites Technical Comments on the Certain Proposals to Permit Flexibility in the Delivery of Communications by Mobile Satellite Service Providers in the 2 GHz Band, the L-Band, and the 1.6/2.4 GHz Band*, IB Docket No. 01-185, ET Docket No. 95-18 (rel. Mar. 6, 2002) ("*Public Notice*").

This minimal delay would further the public interest because it would provide the Commission with a more complete record on which to base its decision regarding a pivotal issue in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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